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SAVOY MAN RECEIVES LENGTHY SENTENCE FOR FIRING AT FEDERAL AGENTS

(Sherman, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 50-year-old Savoy, Texas man has been sentenced to 171 months in federal prison for shooting at a federal law enforcement agent in the Eastern District of Texas. **EDWARD JOE MARQUEZ, JR.** was sentenced today by United States District Judge Richard Schell.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "Law enforcement officers and agents risk their lives on a daily basis protecting our communities from drug dealers. The length of this sentence is justified by the seriousness of the crime."

According to information presented in court, on April 5, 2005, law enforcement officers attempted to serve a narcotics search warrant at Marquez' residence. Marquez barricaded himself in a room and a 5-hour standoff followed. During the standoff, Marquez fired two shots from inside the room, nearly striking a special agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. A search of the residence after the standoff revealed methamphetamine.

Marquez was indicted on May 12, 2005 and charged with assault on a law enforcement officer, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. He was convicted by a jury on January 26, 2006 after a four-day trial.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Grayson County Sheriff's Office, the Fannin County Sheriff's Office, and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Special Assistant United States Attorney Joshua T. Burgess prosecuted the case.

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